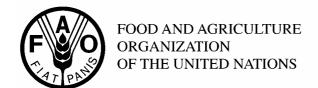
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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

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PROPOSED DRAFT MODEL EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on the following subject matter are invited to do so **no later than 27 February 2004** to: Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products, New Zealand Food Safety Authority, 68 - 86 Jervois Quay, P.O. Box 2835, Wellington, New Zealand (Facsimile: +64 4 463 2583 or E-mail: daniel.herd@nzfsa.govt.nz), with a copy to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, Via delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy (Fax No + 39.06.5705.4593; E-mail: codex@fao.org).

Background

- 1. The Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products agreed at its' 5th Session (April 2002) to the elaboration of a proposed draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products, subject to approval as new work by the 50th Session of the Executive Committee. The Committee requested a drafting group led by Switzerland, with the assistance of Argentina, Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, United Kingdom, United States and the IDF, to elaborate the proposed draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products for circulation, comments and additional consideration at the 6th session of the CCMMP.
- 2. The Committee stressed that the Certificate should primarily focus on aspects related to human health, and should only take account of aspects related to animal health if directly related to consumer protection. It was also agreed that the document should not be in conflict with the Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001) and should take account of the work of other international organisation activities in this area. The Committee also agreed to inform the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene of this undertaking. (Alinorm 03/11, para 121/122).
- 3. The 50th Session of the Executive Committee approved CCMMPs' proposal to elaborate a draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products as new work (Alinorm 03/30A, Appendix III).
- 4. The proposed draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products was redrafted taking in account the comments received at the 5th CCMMP and the fact, that the primary focus should be on aspects related to human health. This draft was then sent to the Drafting Group for comments and guidance.

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5. The draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products was redrafted in the light of the comments received from the Members of the Drafting Group. According to the Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats (CAC/GL 38-2001, §16) the "Country of Dispatch" has to be given. As no definition for this term exists and no consensus on its meaning in relation with dairy products was achieved, it is completed with "Country of Origin" and put in square brackets. Further clarification on this point is necessary. The indication of the country of origin of the milk used should, in conformity with the Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats (CAC/GL 38-2001, §16), only be mentioned in exceptional cases justified by immediate public health concern.

- 6. Furthermore, the nature of food is required even though it is not clearly stated what is meant by "nature of food". For the purpose of this certificate the nature of food is defined as the name of the food, according to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods § 4.1 (CODEX/STAN 1-1985 Rev. 1-1991).
- 7. It is suggested that the part on animal health requirements covering the production and the trade with milk and milk products should be separately elaborated by OIE and merged into the Certificate at a later stage.
- 8. The Drafting Group was of the opinion that
 - a. it is necessary to have a uniform format for the certificate.
 - b. for the purpose of clear identification of the product, the customs tariff number should be stated

Request for Comments

9. Governments and international organisations are invited to comment at Step 3 on the following draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products (Annex 1) in conformity with the Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (see *Codex Alimentarius Procedure Manual*, Twelfth Edition, pages 19-21), not later than 27 February 2004.

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Logo/ letterhead of certifying body		Certificate No	
		[Competent authority responsible for Certification	
D	raft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Pr	roducts	
Ι	Nature of Food ¹		
	Name of the Product (s)		
	Customs Tariff N° (HS Code, 6 digits)		
	Number of units	Net weight/weight per unit	
	Lot identification or manufacturing date		
	[Country of Origin of Milk ²]		
	Manufacturer or Factory Approval/Identity No ³		
	Address		
	email	Fax	
II	[Country of dispatch/ Country of Origin]		
	Means of transport		
	Means of transport Specific transportation /handling requirements ⁴ (if ap	ppropriate)	
		<u>- </u>	
	Exporter /Consignor Exporter License N°5		
	Address		
	email	Fax	
TT	I Country of dectination		
11.	1 Country of destination		
	Importer / Consignee		
	Name		
	Address	Fax	
	eman		
IV	V The above mentioned product (s) was/were produced	I in conformity with the	
		actice - General Principles of Food Hygiene completed by the	
	Codex Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and or	Milk Products (under elaboration within CCFH at step 5).	
		ce with the public health requirements of (specify the	
V	Animal health attestatios ⁷		
Da			
Ce	ertifying body (stamp and signature)		

Indication of the name of the food, as in the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods § 4.1 (CODEX/STAN 1-1985 Rev. 1-1991).

In exceptional cases, justified by immediate public health concern.

Indication can be completed by a separate list, if several manufacturers.

Includes indication whether the good has to be stored and transported at temperatures specified by the manufacturer.

⁵ Exporter N° if available, voluntary basis.

This attestation is not indispensable, but may be made, as appropriate.

The 5th CCMMP noted that, the certificate should primarily focus on aspects related to public health. It is suggested that aspects related to animal health having an impact on public health should be elaborated jointly by Codex and OIE and be merged into the Certificate at a later stage.